# Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

July, 2007 Montana

### Caseload

- •5,436 children were served this month in this program
- 3,162 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- •6.5% of the families entered the program during this period
- · Yellowstone County accounted for 23.7% of all families served

#### Children

- •87.5% of children were served in licensed care
- •9.6% of children were cared for by relatives
- ·Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 128 hours per month
- ·School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 31.2% of all children served
- · White children accounted for 78.9% of all children served

#### **Families**

- •80.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 4.1% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.8
- •90.2% of families were headed by a single parent
- •9.8% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$397 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 8.1% of the cost and the program paid 91.9%
- · Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$394
- · Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$388
- •69.5% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

#### **Counties**

- •The highest average cost of care was in Prairie County at \$758 per child
- Carter County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.